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OFFICE OF AIR AND RADIATION

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Honorable Mary Walker
Assistant Secretary for
Environment, Safety, and Health
Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20545

Dear Ms. Walker:

The Office of Radiation Programs (ORP) of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in close collaboration with other Federal agencies, has recently completed work on Interim Recommendations on Dose Limits for Persons Exposed to Transuranium Elements. We plan to publish these interim recommendations as soon as possible, in order to gain experience in their use under actual field conditions. In this way, we will be able to consider possible changes before we publish final recommendations.

We have been fortunate to have had the technical assistance of an Interagency Liaison Committee to help us develop these recommendations. Until his recent retirement, the representative from the Department of Energy (DOE) has been Tommy McCraw. We have recently briefed Joseph Fitzgerald and Carl Welte of your staff, and they are familiar with the content of this guidance. We have also had very extensive help and cooperation from other members of the staff and from the National Laboratories. Their assistance has been most helpful. We very much appreciate the constructive role the Department of Energy has played in bringing this program to a successful conclusion.

In order to assure that we have adequately taken into consideration the views of the Department of Energy, I request that you review the enclosed document and provide us with your concurrence. I would appreciate if you could respond to

Sheldon Meyers, Director, Office of Radiation Programs (ANR-458), by September 15, 1987, so that we can proceed as expeditiously as possible in bringing this program to a successful conclusion.

Sincerely,

J Craig Potter

Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation

## Enclosure

cc: Sheldon Meyers, ORP (ANR-458)
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Joseph Fitzgerald, DOE

Carl Welte, DOE

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